

**Data table for figure 1. Total and elderly population:
United States, 1950–2050**

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>65 years and over</i> |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Number in thousands | | |
| 1950 | 150,216 | 12,257 |
| 1960 | 179,326 | 16,207 |
| 1970 | 203,212 | 20,066 |
| 1980 | 226,546 | 25,549 |
| 1990 | 248,710 | 31,242 |
| 2000 | 281,422 | 34,992 |
| 2010 | 299,862 | 39,715 |
| 2020 | 324,927 | 53,733 |
| 2030 | 351,070 | 70,319 |
| 2040 | 377,350 | 77,177 |
| 2050 | 403,687 | 81,999 |

NOTES: Data are for the resident population. Data for 1950 exclude Alaska and Hawaii. See Appendix II, Population.

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census of Population, General Population Characteristics, United States Summary (PC80-1-B1) [includes data for 1950–80]; 1990 Census of Population, General Population Characteristics, United States Summary (CO-1-1); 2000 Census of Population, Profiles of General Demographic Characteristics, United States, www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/dp1/2kh00.pdf accessed on September 27, 2001; Projections of the Total Resident Population by 5-Year Age Groups, and Sex with Special Age Categories: Middle Series, 2006 to 2010 through 2050 to 2070, www.census.gov/population/projections/nation/summary/np-t3-c.txt to [np-t3-g.txt](http://www.census.gov/population/projections/nation/summary/np-t3-g.txt) accessed on September 27, 2001.

Data table for figure 2. Percent of population in 3 age groups: United States, 1950, 2000, and 2050

| <i>Year</i> | <i>All ages</i> | <i>Under 18 years</i> | <i>18–64 years</i> | <i>65 years and over</i> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Percent | | | | |
| 1950 | 100.0 | 31.3 | 60.6 | 8.2 |
| 2000 | 100.0 | 25.7 | 61.9 | 12.4 |
| 2050 | 100.0 | 23.7 | 56.0 | 20.3 |

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